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Electric vehicle charging stations on the fritz

By Lisa Gervais

Some of the County's highly-touted electric vehicle charging stations have hit a speed bump.

At a July 20 County council meeting, it was revealed that two stations at the Haliburton Welcome Centre and one at the Minden township offices were not working and others are experiencing a lack of required juice.

During a discussion on results of a recent climate action survey, Dysart et al mayor Andrea Roberts referred to questions about purchasing electric vehicles and barriers to buying them.

"As a County we undertook, and the four local municipalities, to partner with a business to have electric vehicle charging stations and ... Minden and Dysart's aren't working," she said.

Roberts added she knew there were reasons behind the problems, "but it's really hard to get something like this off of the ground when we know there's a desire for (electric vehicles and charging stations). So, I think we need reliable charging areas. Not everybody can do that at home."

It might make sense to encourage businesses, such as grocery stores and car dealerships, to install them, she added.

Roberts said climate change coordinator, Korey McKay, and director of planning, Steve Stone, were aware of the problem and looking into it. However, "It's been frustrating. It's been over two months. We're into the peak of summer and getting complaints. We have this lovely green standing thing by our welcome centre and it doesn't work. So, we need reliable charging stations."

She said she personally doesn't know if she would buy an electric vehicle because she is not confident about how reliable charging options are.

Warden Liz Danielssen commented that the ones that do work, "didn't have the level of flow. It took an extraordinarily long time for someone to charge their vehicles ... so yes, we need to do some follow-up on that."

Stone said he and McKay were trying to find solutions "sooner rather than later".

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McKay added, "what we're waiting on is the delivery of parts, or that's what the service provider is waiting on. So, very unfortunate timing with supply chain issues. But we're on top of that and it will be resolved as soon as parts can be delivered. Their team will be deployed to fix the stations."

She told *The Highlander* the Haliburton station has been down for two months and one of the two stations in Minden for a month.

Last year, Dysart, Highlands East, Minden Hills and Algonquin Highlands opted to join a federally-funded program from Ontario Power Generation and Hydro One - known as The Ivy Charging Network - instead of owning the stations at a municipal level. This meant the companies own the charging stations, with no up-front municipal cost, but an annual service fee between \$2,500-\$4,000 depending on the site.

McKay said the townships that have experienced outages have received a refund on a portion of the annual fee based on the amount of time the stations have been offline.

All up, there are five, level two charging stations across the County with 10 spots to plug in, including

the township office in Algonquin Highlands, the Keith Tallman Memorial Arena in Wilberforce, the Minden Hills township office and the Welcome Centre in Haliburton.

A spokesperson for the Ivy Charging Network said on July 26, "we sincerely apologize to EV drivers in Haliburton and Minden where two chargers have been out of service since May 23 and June 16 respectively."

They said they are working closely with their supplier to source the required equipment to make the necessary repairs.

They anticipate the charger in Minden will be available by the end of this week (it is now fixed) and they are continuing to explore all options for repairs at the Haliburton Welcome Centre.

"To help acknowledge the inconvenience experienced by residents, free charging will be available at our Algonquin Highlands and Tory Hill locations as well as the operational charger in Minden from July 27 until Oct. 10."

The spokesperson added once the affected charger at the Minden township office and Haliburton Welcome Centre have been repaired, they will also offer free charging at these locations until Oct. 10.



An electric vehicle charging station at the Welcome Centre in Haliburton. Photo by Sam Gillett.



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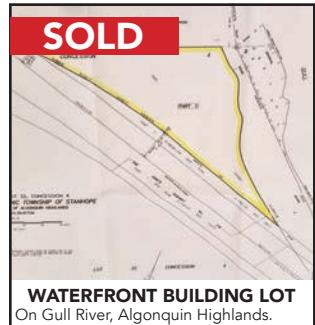
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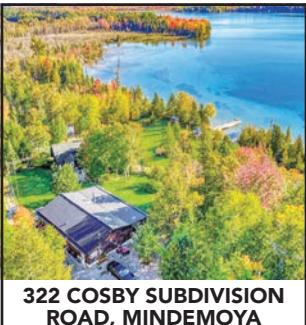
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Council, locals concerned over retreat plans

By Mike Baker

Algonquin Highlands council is considering the long-term implications of a re-zoning application from Dimensions Retreats that would see the Maple Lake operation introduce a medical component to its programming.

At a public meeting July 21, township planner Sean O'Callaghan said Dimensions was looking for a permit to add acupuncture services, install a float tank, leading light, sound and group therapy and set up a medical clinic. This was a change from initial plans approved by council last November, which centred around a "destination retreat" for visitors, with yoga, massage and meditation.

O'Callaghan said the application complies with the township's official plan, but council was hesitant given controversy surrounding the project over the past year.

Dimensions bought the 40-plus acre site in May 2021. In an initial press release, they described it as a "psychedelic treatment company," focusing on inpatient treatment integrating neuroscience with traditional healing practices. There was concern from the public that the site would be transformed into a drug rehabilitation clinic.

A few months later, CEO Christopher Dawson told local media Dimensions would "not be providing medical services of any kind", billing themselves as one of Canada's premiere tourist getaway destinations.

Dawson then told *The Highlander* in March that, while the company would not be offering drug and alcohol rehabilitation programs, there was a long-term plan to introduce a medical component. He said they wanted to expand into psychotherapy and psychedelics, referencing psilocybin —

or magic mushrooms — currently illegal in Canada.

Mayor Carol Moffatt expressed concern over the planned "accessory" uses Dimensions outlined in its new application.

"How many uses does there have to be before the overall use is no longer accessory? We started out with accommodation, massage, yoga and woodland frolic and we've ventured into medicine and medical practitioners," Moffatt said.

The new application also called for a small pharmacy space, which Dawson clarified would serve only as storage for prescribed medications brought on-site by visitors, not operate as a dispensary.

"We are definitely not an acute care facility, a hospital, a rehabilitation centre, a treatment centre. We don't have capacity to do detox for individuals that suffer from addiction," Dawson said last week. "We are going to primarily focus on [people] that have demonstrated themselves to be treatment-resistant within the context of traditional treatment."

He referenced a recent decision by Health Canada to legalize psychedelics on a case-by-case basis for people suffering PTSD or relapsed addicts, hoping Dimensions would be able to lean into that segment.

Deputy mayor Liz Daniels said Dimensions has not been clear about the intent of the facility.

"I do see there are some pretty substantial benefits to Algonquin Highlands and the County. But when I'm looking at this from a pure planning perspective, your report does not give us the information we're seeking," she said. Dawson said the company's total investment would be about \$20 million.

Public concern

Carolyn Dartnell, a cottager on Placid Lane, feels there's been a lack of transparency with residents. She said Dimensions, and its services, are not a good fit for the township or Maple Lake community.

Amber Meirik, a cottager on Maple Lake, is concerned about community safety, given Dawson's admission he intends to use cannabis as a treatment option and hopes to one day expand into psychedelics.

"There would be an elevated risk of unwanted exposure to people under the influence of dangerous drugs," Meirik said. She also cited concerns over increased traffic, and the impact on lake water quality.

Dartnell urged council to proceed with caution.

"This is the only time council will have influence over this site. Once there is a medical clinic on that site, it will be there forever," she said.

Next steps

Moffatt didn't feel entirely comfortable approving the proposal with question marks over the request to include a pharmacy space and usher in various medical services.

"If there doesn't need to be a pharmacy... get rid of it. I want this to be as concise and accurate as it can be. If there aren't currently short-or-medium term goals or plans for osteopathy and chiropractic, get rid of it. It almost sounds now like they're saying they want one of each thing just in case they want to introduce them in the future," Moffatt said.

Coun. Jennifer Dailloux said AH is one of the first jurisdictions in Canada dealing with an application of this nature so there's extra pressure to get things right.



Three speakers raised concerns July 21 over the proposed next phase of Dimensions Health Centre's project in Algonquin Highlands. *Photo courtesy of Dimensions*.

"If there is no urgency, maybe it's a gift that we can take some time on this file, ask some more questions and enable Dimensions to reach out to the community a little bit more... We want to get this right for our community," she said.

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The busy County Road 21 and Industrial Park Road intersection in Haliburton. Photo by Sam Gillett.

Traffic lights coming to busy intersection

By Lisa Gervais

Traffic control signals could be constructed on County Road 21 at Industrial Park Road in Haliburton next year, director of public works, Robert Sutton, told councillors at their July 20 meeting.

By way of background, he reminded councillors that in the fall of 2020, in partnership with Dysart et al, an application to extend the multi-use pathway on County Road 21 was submitted under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure stream.

The project proposed to install a pedestrian crossover at the intersection and extend the

existing pathway from Industrial Road, west along the north side of the road to the traffic signals at the Independent Grocer.

The estimated cost was \$200,000 with the County and Dysart each applying for a \$100,000 grant. In the spring of 2021, the application was approved with the federal government contributing \$160,000 and the province \$40,000.

Sutton said as staff started planning, they were concerned about traffic volumes at the intersection. He added the original application and project scope was based on the 2017 County Road 21 corridor study completed by AECOM.

The study recommended a pathway and

pedestrian crossover at Industrial Road.

But Sutton said due to the passage of time, impacts from COVID and increased development in the area, County and Dysart staff thought it would be a good idea to review the five-year-old study.

"AECOM completed the memo in December of 2021 and concluded and recommended that a full traffic control signal was now warranted at this intersection," Sutton said.

The preliminary estimated cost is \$350,000, with the County picking up the added costs.

"Once the senior levels of government approve the change in scope of the project, staff will develop and advertise a request for

proposal to obtain a consultant to design the project this coming fall and winter as well as determine a more accurate estimated total cost of the project. Construction is projected to be substantially complete by the end of 2023," Sutton said.

Dysart et al mayor Andrea Roberts commented, "It is an extremely busy intersection and will only get busier when the student residence is built and, potentially, a phase three of the industrial park."

She added, "this is great for that area. It will also help calm traffic, I believe, because it's very hard sometimes to even get a break in traffic. I know. It's my neighbourhood and a very busy area, particularly in the summer."

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July 28 – Regular Council Meeting
August 25 – Regular Council Meeting

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Trees cut down as highway fixes begin

By Sam Gillett

Ontario's Ministry of Transportation (MTO) has started a months-long project along Hwy. 118 between Haliburton and Carnarvon.

"The purpose of this rehabilitation is to improve the safety and operation of Hwy. 118, including pavement rehabilitation, slope stabilization, and improvements to intersections, drainage and guide rails," said a spokesperson for the ministry July 26.

Contracted workers have cut trees from more than 300 feet of waterfront adjacent to the roadway beside the Gardens of Haliburton.

For some Highlands residents, the sight of the tree clearing was alarming.

Susan Hay of Environment Haliburton! struggled to find out what work was occurring. She said the County of Haliburton and Dysart et al could not provide further information since the highway is provincially maintained.

"You would think that MTO would have notified someone in the community that a project of this size was going to take place," said Hay, who eventually contacted the ministry.

Hay said she understood the necessity of the road maintenance project, but "it seems tragic that all those trees had to come down all the way to the shoreline. Not just for the trees and the stabilization of the shoreline but for the herons and other wildlife that those trees provided habitat for. And, for the beauty and the character that the trees gave to the lake."



Crews clear trees from the shores of Head Lake July 25 to reinforce the embankment which supports the roadway. Photo by Sam Gillett.

Further projects along the highway are scheduled to be completed by the fall.

The MTO did not respond to questions about how crews would mitigate the impact of tree clearing on local wildlife, or whether

notice was given to residents, before deadline.

The MTO encouraged residents and travellers to visit 511on.ca or twitter.com/511Ontario for updates regarding

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Adventure Haliburton awaits app decision

By Lisa Gervais

Adventure Haliburton will have to wait a while to find out if County council will partner with it to expand its use of Driftscape – an Ontario-made exploration app.

The group, that represents tourism operators and accommodation providers, launched the app - which functions as a digital, interactive roadmap for adventures - last July 29.

Its vice-president, Randy Pielsticker, came to the July 20 County council meeting. The County gave it \$5,000 last year to help with initial costs. While the app promotes private businesses, Adventure Haliburton promoted 15 municipal points of interest.

Pielsticker said they'd had a "great working relationship" with Driftscape the past 1.5 years. He added the platform had grown to nearly 60,000 subscribers by June 2022, from 30,000 in February 2021.

The app is available for iOS and Android devices and can be accessed on internet browsers.

For now, Pielsticker said they had created a basic digital footprint, but wanted to take it to the next level. For example, he said they would

like to add tours of downtown Haliburton and Minden, and quests, such as digital scavenger hunts. They'd also like to better promote events and provide navigational assistance for events such as Hike Haliburton and the Studio Tour.

His ask was another \$5,000 from the County, for each of 2022-2024, to pay for the annual subscription. Adventure Haliburton would match that to maintain the development of the site and market and promote it.

"Since we've taken on the project, it really has grown, and much further beyond the initial launch that we had anticipated," Pielsticker said. "The challenge is Adventure Haliburton is a not-for-profit group and we are run by volunteers. We do have the budget to continue to develop this software program, this marketing platform to try to really take full advantage of it and that's where we're looking for your help."

He said the plan is to share the data with the County to, "help inform the decision-making process of County tourism, help analyze trends, target markets we need to offer extra support to, and key performance indicators."

Warden Liz Danielsen said, "it does sound like the strategy

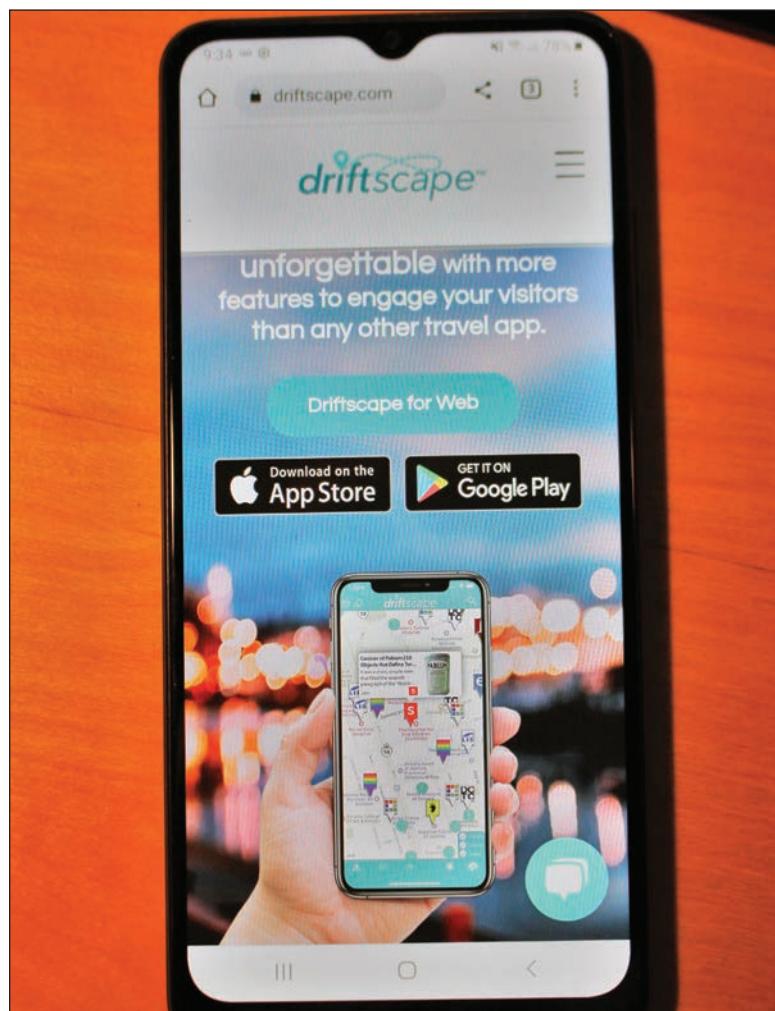
that you developed for 2021 was successful from the numbers that you've given us, and your strategy going forward has got some pretty exciting ideas that will probably work well for us all."

However, councillors said they wanted to hear from economic development and tourism staff before committing to anything. Director of tourism, Tracie Bertrand, did not attend the meeting and there was no staff report accompanying Pielsticker's delegation.

Council was also concerned since they have already set the County budget for 2022 and are soon going to be going into lame duck mode. That means they don't want to make decisions during an election period.

Coun. Pat Kennedy noted the County had been successful in getting a \$50,000 grant from Ontario's Highlands Tourism Organization, including \$25,000 for data collection and \$25,000 for marketing activities so that might cover the Adventure Haliburton ask.

Council deferred a decision until after a staff report at a future meeting.



The Driftscape app. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

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County ambulance planning for busy future

By Lisa Gervais

With ambulance call volumes up by close to 15 per cent in the first half of 2022, emergency services chief Tim Waite was happy with response times and also eager to get a move on with the County's paramedic service master plan.

Speaking to call volumes between Jan. 1 and June 30, 2022, Waite said, "the data obtained from the Ambulance Dispatch Reporting System "shows a significant call volume increase for the first half of 2022." He added it was evident for urgent and emergent cases, as well as total calls, including deferrable, booked transfer and standby.

"April, usually being one of our quietest months, saw a significant increase of 64 per cent in priority 3 and 4 emergency calls. Total call volume for the first half of 2022 has increased close to 15 per cent," Waite added.

In a report to the July 20 meeting, he added that when it came to response times for that same six-month period, the service "is presently meeting

or exceeding all response time targets except in the case of the Canadian Triage Acuity Scale (CTAS) 1, where we are two per cent short of our target."

CTAS 1 are conditions that are considered threats to life or limb or have an imminent risk of deterioration requiring immediate aggressive interventions. Waite noted it is hard to hit the six-minute target for sudden cardiac arrest in some instances and one call over thresholds can skewer numbers.

At the meeting, council also endorsed awarding the contract for the paramedic service master plan to Emergency Management Group, for \$114,924 plus HST, from municipal modernization funding. The remaining \$13,000 or so will come from budget savings.

CAO Mike Rutter said they'd be doing a community risk assessment as well for each township, which would also help fire departments.

An interim report will be presented to staff in late September with a final report being delivered by end of December, Waite said.



Haliburton County's ambulance service continues to see increased call volumes. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

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For the most part, these are mature-aged people. We know this because we are not seeing more students at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, but in fact, fewer.

These are people who are soon retiring and working from the cottage as they renovate it for four-season use. And, naturally, we are seeing new retirees.

No wonder our EMS department is seeing increased call volumes. The demographics are driving those numbers up. They've increased by close to 15 per cent in the first half of 2022, which has been deemed "significant" by the County's EMS chief. April, usually a quiet month for the service, saw a 64 per cent jump in calls.

The County has hired a contractor to do a paramedic service master plan to help prepare for some of this growth, which is anticipated to continue into the future. It will also be used to assist fire departments.

What we are hearing is now that a Tory Hill station is being staffed 24/7, there is a

need for similar coverage in the northwest of the County. Some say the best place for a bay would be in the area of the Frost Centre. The master plan will help the service identify future needs and begin brainstorming for them. Part of that planning is how to pay for it.

Another story in today's *Highlander* speaks to growth. Traffic control signals are now needed along the busy County Road 21 corridor, where it intersects Industrial Park Road just outside of Haliburton village. People trying to access Industrial Park Road businesses or Haliburton School of Art + Design know what a nightmare that intersection can be.

It's expected the signals will be put in for 2023. They'll also extend the existing pathway from Industrial Park Road, west along the north side of the road, to the traffic signals at the Independent Grocer. While they have received a \$200,000 grant for the work, the County will still be looking to spend an additional \$150,000.

Dysart et al mayor Andrea Roberts noted the intersection is already busy and will only get busier when the college builds its new student residences in a few years' time. There is also talk of expanding the business park.

A third County story this week talks about a development charges study. Implementing these charges is a must for the Highlands as local government will need help paying for all of the infrastructure that accompanies the growth that we are seeing. It's hoped the County's four lower-tier municipalities can start collecting development charges next year.

Someone has to pay for extra ambulances, staff and buildings. Someone has to pay for new traffic lights and sidewalks. Someone has to pay if we need to expand water treatment plants. We can reasonably assume federal and provincial governments will stop handing out grants as they did during COVID. They've broken the bank and have to start finding ways to recoup costs. It can't all come on the backs of taxpayers. It is time for County councillors to consider new ways to raise money and that includes development charges, more fines for bylaw infractions, and licensing short-term rentals as businesses.



By Lisa Gervais

CLIMATE CORNER

Saving trees to cool the planet

Problem:

Felling and burning trees releases stores of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere where it blankets the globe, trapping the sun's heat and warming Earth. Deforestation of the world's largest rainforest, the Amazon, has tipped the balance so this forest that covers 40 per cent of South America, and historically functioned as a carbon sink to store and reduce CO2 emissions, is now emitting more carbon dioxide than it absorbs. Scientists say the forest produces more than a billion tonnes of CO2 a year, now contributing to the climate crisis. Most of the emissions are caused by fires, many deliberately set to clear land for cattle.

Growth of trees and plants have absorbed about a quarter of the fossil fuel emissions since 1960, and the loss of the Amazon as a carbon reducer is a stark warning that fossil fuel use and their emissions must be stopped urgently.

Burning forest for agriculture produces around three times more CO2 than the growing forest absorbs. Areas with greater than 30 per cent deforestation emit 10 times the carbon of areas where deforestation is lower than 20 per cent. Research from 2010 to 2018 found the Brazilian Amazon released 20 per cent more CO2 into the atmosphere than it absorbed.

Globally we lose five million hectares of forest a year for agriculture, livestock, logging, palm oil, soy and gold mining. A third of global tropical deforestation occurs

in the Amazon forest. Beef is the biggest driver for deforestation in the Amazon (over 9,800 sq km lost for expanding beef pasture, 2018-2019).

In the Congo, illegal deforestation of another important rainforest is driven by poverty. The Congo River is a highway for flotillas of felled trees that are floated hundreds of miles to ports for sale. Trees are also cut for farming and making charcoal to cook.

The world's top global banks spent \$119 billion U.S. in five years financing agricultural companies linked to deforestation. Without monitoring and enforcing mechanisms, widespread land degradation persists.

Very few places on Earth have 1,000-year-old trees. The west coast of Canada is one of them, but they are being logged. Over 1,100 arrests have been made of people trying to protect these endangered forests.

Solutions:

Trees are carbon "champions," continually inhaling carbon dioxide and exhaling oxygen. Trees sequester carbon as they grow. An estimated 1.2 trillion trees planted could absorb the carbon emitted by humans.

Indigenous communities help protect the Amazon. Providing Indigenous Peruvians with smartphones and satellite data has reduced tree loss from illegal cutting.

At the COP26 UN climate summit, more than 100 countries committed to halting



By Dr. Nell Thomas

and reversing deforestation by 2030, including hiring 700 environmental enforcement agents.

The European Union proposed to ban agriculture and food products that are linked to deforestation. European companies will be required to prove that products they sell do not contribute to deforestation.

Trees in residential areas reduce heat islands by 11-25 degrees Celsius via shade plus evapotranspiration (releasing water into the air through their leaves). One young healthy tree equals the cooling power of 10 room-sized ACs running 20 hours a day.

California's Eden Reforestation Project employs villagers in Congo and Brazil to plant trees, reducing poverty and climate change. Tree planting groups in the tropics has increased 300 percent since 1995.

Haliburton County's Climate Change Adaptation Plan is budgeting more trees annually to create shade and stabilize shorelines.

What you can do:

- Reduce meat consumption in your diet.
- Increase awareness of how our banking and consumer habits affect deforestation.
- Join those protecting old growth forests.
- Join the Greenbelt Movement, the Trillion Tree Campaign and Plant for the Planet.

EYE ON THE STREET: What do you find inspiring about Haliburton County?

by Sam Gillett



Shelley Makela

All the arty people. They're the ones who made me feel welcome.



Corin Ford Forrester

It's all about nature and the forest. I don't have to go to the Grand Canyon - I can find beauty right where I am.



Alan Dhingra

Nature and wildlife...like the moose I saw while canoeing.



Kathi Lauder

Everything!



Terry Fink

The lakes, water activity and the conservation side of things.

LETTERS

Remembering the late Chester Howse

Dear editor,

I have lived in Haliburton since 1983 and although I had heard of the infamous Chester Howse, never got to meet him personally prior to 2018.

In early 2018, I met Chester through events at the Haliburton Legion and later that year we developed a more personal relationship. In late 2019, we were married in St Anthony of Padua Church right here in Haliburton.

Our first Christmas together was spent in Brampton with Chester's daughter and her family. In January 2020, we travelled off to Florida for a two month "honeymoon." We arrived back in Haliburton one week before the COVID-19 lockdown.

Needless to say, our social life was put on hold.

By now, Chester had decided to step back from his public endeavours and pass the reins on to anyone that was willing to put in the time and effort that he had shown over the years. He said he had done his community time and now it was his time.

Although Chester was publicly contributing to the community, his personal life was very private. One friend laughingly always said, "everything with Chester is a big secret."

Sadly, little did we know his life was to be taken so quickly.

Was it another of Chester's big secrets?

I will remember Chester for his kindness and patience. As many have said, he was one of a kind and I have to agree with them.

Rest In peace, Chester.

Barbara Wood
(Chester Howse's wife)

Shoreline bylaw not necessary

Dear editor,

Vocal proponents of the proposed shoreline bylaw continue to encourage County council to pass the bylaw despite the fact that other bylaws and regulations are already in place to protect the quality of Haliburton's hundreds of lakes and waterways.

The septic inspection program in Dysart is perhaps the most effective method to stop pollutants from entering waterways at the source. Seventy-five percent of shorelines in Haliburton are already in a "natural" or "regenerative" state without additional restrictive, bureaucratic and costly measures (The Lake Health Report, 2019).

Since the fear of blue-green algae (BGA) in our lakes is frequently raised - without hard facts - by bylaw proponents and media, I recently contacted the Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MOE). From my conversation with a provincial officer in the Peterborough District, I learned:

- BGA is naturally occurring, usually in late summer/early fall when a large rain event is followed by several days of warm weather.
- Reported BGA blooms are not the same as confirmed blooms, the latter referring to blooms the ministry has attended, collected a sample from and tested in their lab.
- From 2018-2021, there were 12 confirmed BGA blooms on nine of Haliburton's 600-plus lakes, including only three in 2021 (all on lakes which also had blooms in 2020).
- Toxic material is only detected in five percent of the samples they see.
- In the past 20 years, they have not tested a bloom in Haliburton which was toxic (perhaps because there are no significant single sources of pollution here).

Blooms are not to be taken lightly, and maintaining natural shorelines is but one of the preventive measures (others being: use of phosphate-free chemical products and fertilizers; checking septic systems regularly) recommended by the MOE.

Dave Love
Haliburton Lake

Questions mayoral candidate

Dear editor,

I'm responding to the interview with Mr Fearrey, and his view that "the community has to get used to the idea of new development." I don't have a problem with new development. But I do have a problem with a development on Grass Lake. Any mayoral candidate should know Dysart's Official Plan already declares the lake is over-developed. And such candidate should also know Dysart has been alerted to neighbour concerns about subdivision of land adjacent to a Grass Lake wetland that was quietly modified over many years.

Mr Fearrey wants to improve the town. How about encouraging the building of residences where people can walk to stores, the Legion and churches? We don't need a soccer field when there are two huge fields at the high school. We need a community pool, where all children can learn the life skill of swimming and stiff seniors can exercise to avoid filling up the medical system.

Dysart needs someone with new eyes and the energy to push forward legal, environmentally friendly, and thoughtful developments, not more of the same.

Rosalie Cowan
Haliburton

Deer in Haliburton

Dear editor,

It pains me to write this letter as I have tried to deal with this issue myself for 10 years.

My home is my safe haven and I love my home and my community as a whole. I love to see the wildlife around and the new little deer.

My problem is the number of deer in my town and the fact that I can't use my yard without cleaning up the feces before I can let my dog out to run in the yard, getting sick because she eats the deer poo.

I have gone to great lengths to protect my plants and flowers from being a smorgasbord for the deer. I have tried everything imaginable to keep them away from my flowers/vegetables I try to grow every year. They always seem to get in to devour my garden. Every flower is their food. I've tried sprays, soap, fencing, and have found nothing works. How good is it to work hard to have a beautiful garden only to wake up one day and see it's all in vain as nothing remains but sticks sticking out of the soil?

We as a community need to stick together and get something done about this problem and fast. The deer stay here because people feed them. Maybe a hunt or a scare of some kind to get them in the country where they belong. Any suggestions appreciated for deterring them from my yard.

Pam Ward
Haliburton

In *The Highlander*'s July 21 story "Marking 75 years of history on Hall, Hawk Lakes" we mistakenly wrote the event took place at "Elvis Johnson Park." In fact, the correct spelling is "Elvin Johnson Park." *The Highlander* regrets the error.

In the story titled 'counsellor putting in work to change thoughts on death' we said Nancy Gosse was training to become Haliburton County's death doula. There have been many people who have operated in this line of work before, though Nancy will be one of the first to be officially certified. *The Highlander* regrets this error.

Mayor 'gobsmacked' by Bear Lake Road findings

By Mike Baker

Algonquin Highlands mayor Carol Moffatt issued a public apology on behalf of the township to residents of Bear Lake Road July 21, stating the municipality was in the wrong following a long-standing dispute over winter maintenance of the thoroughfare.

Council has been at loggerheads with residents, now mobilized under the Bear Lake Winter Maintenance Association (BLWMA), for decades, with property owners lobbying the municipality to allow them to plow the road during the winter.

Due to safety concerns, township staff has not been providing winter maintenance. They also prohibited residents from carrying out the work themselves or contracting a snow removal company to do it, citing liability concerns.

Frustrated by a lack of movement on the issue, BLWMA reached out to a lawyer to find out what options they had. What happened next was "gobsmacking", Moffatt said.

"The lawyer insisted that the township doesn't and never has had jurisdiction over the road, so council agreed to take a deeper look at it. It turns out they were right and the township has never had formal ownership of Bear Lake Road," she said. "It's a humble watershed moment for this municipality, and I think it's really important to make an apology. We unknowingly failed some people and we have to do better."

Moffatt said the township had documentary evidence suggesting the former Sherbourne township assumed ownership of the road in 1971, but that paperwork is wrong. Bear Lake Road is, and has always been, Crown land.

With this revelation, Moffatt said the municipality had a decision to make. Staff have carried out minor maintenance on the road during the summer for more than 50 years. Now, because the township doesn't own the road, it has no obligation to maintain it, nor does it have any authority to police issues.

That doesn't mean council is going to



Algonquin Highlands mayor Carol Moffatt said the township will work on a plan to help maintain Bear Lake Road. *File*.

walk away, though. The township's lawyer presented options to council: immediately cease all maintenance, leaving the property owners to take care of any required work themselves; try to obtain full and formal jurisdiction of the road; or request the province close the road during the winter.

"I hardly think council is going to want to just walk away from this," Moffatt said, indicating a fourth option, where the

township works with residents to come up with a solution, could be on the cards.

"Unfortunately, it's not as simple as saying 'OK, you take care of the plowing, we'll take care of the grading and everyone is happy,'" Moffatt added. "We have to go through a formal process of seeing the options more specifically laid out and discuss how we would formally reach out to folks to say 'what do you want us to do there?'

"I'd like council to consider a variation on the options, perhaps on a trial basis, to see what works. It could be a win-win, but it comes with some caveats that come with Crown land that some people might not like," she added.

Staff will spend the next couple of months investigating potential hybrid solutions, with a report to be brought back to council in September.

Haliburton County, with most parking infractions carrying a \$40 penalty. More serious offences, such as parking in an accessible space without a permit (\$300) and parking in a manner likely to interfere with highway maintenance or snow clearing operations (\$200), carry larger fines.

Tower entry fee increasing

Entry fees for visitors travelling to the Dorset Tower in large groups is going up in 2023, matching the regular single-entry walk-up fee.

From Victoria Day to the first Friday after Labour Day, rates for a coach or van with up to nine passengers is increasing to \$18.09 from \$15.04. Large campers, RVs and mini buses with between 10 and 15 passengers is increasing to \$30.15 from \$25.07, while mini-buses with between 16

and 29 passengers is increasing to \$58.29, from \$40.11. Coaches with more than 30 passengers will be billed \$110.55, up from \$63.27.

From the first Saturday after Labour Day to the close of the season, rates for a coach with up to nine passengers is up to \$45.18 (\$20.05 in 2022), vehicles with between 10 and 15 passengers will be billed \$75.30 (\$30.90 in 2022), buses with between 16 and 29 passengers will pay \$145.58 (\$45.11 in 2022) and coaches with 30 or more people will pay \$276.10 (\$65.17 in 2022).

The walk-up fee for 2022 is \$2.01 between Victoria Day and the first Friday after Labour Day and \$5.02 from the first Saturday after Labour Day to the close of the season.

The new rates are expected to bring in an additional \$14,769 based on attendances over the past three years. (*Algonquin Highlands news compiled by Mike Baker*).

■ ALGONQUIN HIGHLANDS NEWS

Stanhope court project delayed

Despite the municipality budgeting to resurface the Stanhope tennis courts this summer, the project won't be completed until next year, according to parks, recreation and trails manager Chris Card.

There were zero takers after the township put out an RFP for the project. After following up with a few companies that specialize in court construction and resurfacing, Card was informed the Stanhope facility instead needed to be torn up and reconstructed.

"This is due to the amount of heave the location is experiencing. One of the companies are willing to resurface, but will not warranty the work. The other said they would not do this in good faith as they know it will not last," Card wrote in his report.

Initial estimates for reconstruction

have come in at around \$80,000. The municipality budgeted \$50,000 to resurface the court. One company said they could complete the project next year. Card said he will continue to shop around.

Parking fines increased

Algonquin Highlands is updating its municipal parking bylaw after enforcement officer Greg Moore said the township's existing legislation was troublesome and outdated.

In a report to council July 21, Moore said updates were required to keep up with the increase in population across the community and the number of vehicles now using and parking along township highways and property. He said the existing bylaw fails to address the majority of parking complaints received over the past few years.

Fines have been increased to move in-line with other lower-tier municipalities across

Dysart council says 'no' to cell tower for Minnicock Lake Road

By Mike Baker

Dysart council has turned down an application from Rogers to install a new 90-metre cell tower on Minnicock Lake Road, though the project may not be completely dead.

Following a debate July 26 over the proposed location of the tower, councillors split a 3-3 vote in a move that saw the project – the first to come to the municipality through the Eastern Ontario Regional Network's (EORN) cell gap initiative – defeated. Deputy mayor Pat Kennedy was absent from Tuesday's meeting. Tie votes result in defeated motions.

Mayor Andrea Roberts labelled council's decision an embarrassment.

"I'm not sure what the next steps are. I'm very disheartened," Roberts said. "We will be left behind in the dust. If this is the legacy this council wants to leave, that's what it is."

Roberts and councillors Walt McKechnie and Nancy Wood-Roberts voted in favour of the proposal, while Tammy Donaldson, Larry Clarke and John Smith shot it down.

Clarke said he was concerned the project appeared to fly in the face of Dysart's policy 38 – legislation introduced in 2014 regulating the use and installation of cell towers. That policy stipulates any proposed towers should be located a minimum of one-kilometre from the nearest residence; be camouflaged or designed to blend with the surroundings, with the natural-looking Mono-pine structures preferred; be set back a minimum of 60 metres from the nearest road, and feature the minimum required lighting to meet Transport Canada safety standards.

Earlier that day, council heard from Michael Butz, who lives in one of 40 residences within a one-kilometre radius of the proposed site. He called on council to uphold the requirements outlined in policy 38. He noted a petition organized by his neighbours, opposing the project, had garnered over 100 signatures.

He identified a potential site 4.5 kilometres south of the Minnicock Lake Road location, which he said would be a "perfect fit" for



Dysart council has voted against a cell tower proposed for Minnicock Lake Road. *File*.

a tower, with the nearest residence over a kilometre away.

Rogers spokesperson Eric Belchamber told council that location wouldn't be viable.

"Having a tower one kilometre away from where people live isn't practical... It wouldn't have a meaningful impact on improving service and achieving the EORN goals," he said. "Policy 38 is one of the most onerous policies I've come across. It was written with what seems to be a sentiment of not wanting cell towers [in Dysart]."

Smith said if Rogers had issues with the policy, they should have been raised when the process began 18 months ago.

Donaldson said her belief is that 5G technology is unsafe for human health.

"There is no health risk whatsoever to humans through this technology," Belchamber said.

Christian Lee, a site acquisition specialist with Rogers, expressed confusion over Donaldson's comments given that Innovation, Science and Economic

Development Canada (ISED) outlined in its information for municipal councils that these type of concerns were unfounded and unwarranted and should not be part of the decision-making process.

Belchamber noted this was only the second out of around 85 EORN projects he's worked on in the past year to have been rejected. He mentioned Rogers was working on five other cell tower location sites in Dysart.

Roberts asked Clarke, Smith and Donaldson what would have to happen to change their minds. Clarke said he would be willing to revisit the issue should council revise policy 38. CAO Tamara Wilbee said it would be brought forward at next month's committee of the whole meeting.

"We have policies in place for a reason. Our residents are looking at us to uphold policy 38... and I think we have to do that in this case," Clarke said. "If it can be revised and the site can still work within the policy, then I'll support it."



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Chamber of Commerce rolls out fresh strategy

By Sam Gillett

The Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce (HHCC) is implementing a new strategic plan with a fresh team in 2022.

During the organization's July 26 annual general meeting, president Mark Bell said the plan was an "opportunity to step back and say 'what do we need to do differently?'"

He said 2021 was a "challenging and interesting year. I'm pleased to see the work the chamber did in delivering value to members."

The strategic plan lays out five goals for the organization, which has 270 Highlands businesses. They include: member experience, prospering and growing membership, partnering and advocating on behalf of members and pursuing governance excellence.

Bell said the chamber has acted on these priorities already. They submitted feedback on the County of Haliburton's draft shoreline preservation bylaw, for instance.

Executive director Bob Gaudette said he was impressed by the chamber's clear direction and plan when he took over from Amanda Conn in April 2022.

"When I started, I was a little concerned with how the pandemic would have affected the chamber. The more I dug in... I was really impressed. I think that goes to great leadership and great staff," he said.

He pointed to the success of recent chamber initiatives such as providing rapid testing kits to partner businesses. They've distributed 20,000 so far.

Kirstley Dams, who joined as office administrator this summer, has helped develop new ways of showcasing Highlands' businesses. Dams has been creating short videos that explain services and products available at local shops and posting them to the popular social network TikTok, for example.

"You want to get the most appealing information you can in a short amount of time," she said.

"Most of the small businesses that are participating have been really good at re-sharing on their own social media pages."

The HHCC board also voted to approve new directors for 2022: Francis Pilon, Dr. Kassie Wright, Aaron Hill, and Ryan Merritt.



Mark Bell, Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce president, said 2021 brought challenges and success to Haliburton's business community. *File.*

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Doona Kim, owner of K Pub Chicken, said she feels like part of the West Guilford community. Photo by Sam Gillett.

Korean food served with a side of smiles

By Sam Gillett

Doona Kim is frying up fragrant South Korean food in West Guilford, a community that feels like her hometown in Gangwon-do, South Korea, which was also near water.

"I thought, why do I feel so comfortable here?" Kim asked.

She and her son, Kenny Kee, operate K Pub Chicken, in the building which used to be the home of West G Pizza and Grill.

The family closed their former business in Keswick, due to COVID-19. They bought the popular restaurant in the winter and opened it alongside a Taekwondo and jiu-jitsu studio at the community centre.

While her son was originally supposed to run the restaurant, he opened another K Pub Chicken restaurant in Innisfil. That meant Doona had to quickly learn the ropes.

Their food is already making a splash, with fried chicken, pork, dumplings, bulgogi (marinated beef) and more all crafted with care.

"I want to make people something different. Not a burger, not pizza, but something else everybody will love," she said.

Her son's sauce is a key ingredient in their most popular dish, "Yangnyeom Chicken."

It's sweet and tangy with just a little bit

of heat, covering chicken enveloped in a crunchy breaded coating.

The recipe is a secret and drew in a big crowd at her son's former restaurant in Niagara.

"Even I don't know all the ingredients," she said. "People say to me 'it's addicting!'"

Kim said she has loved meeting regular customers and cottagers throughout the spring and summer, and feeling like a part of the community.

"These people are teaching me how to live. I am learning about life now, not just business."

She even got help from the community learning how to operate the restaurant's pizza ovens. Korean food is stir-fried or deep-fried, and she only uses the ovens for pizzas which aren't served during the summer.

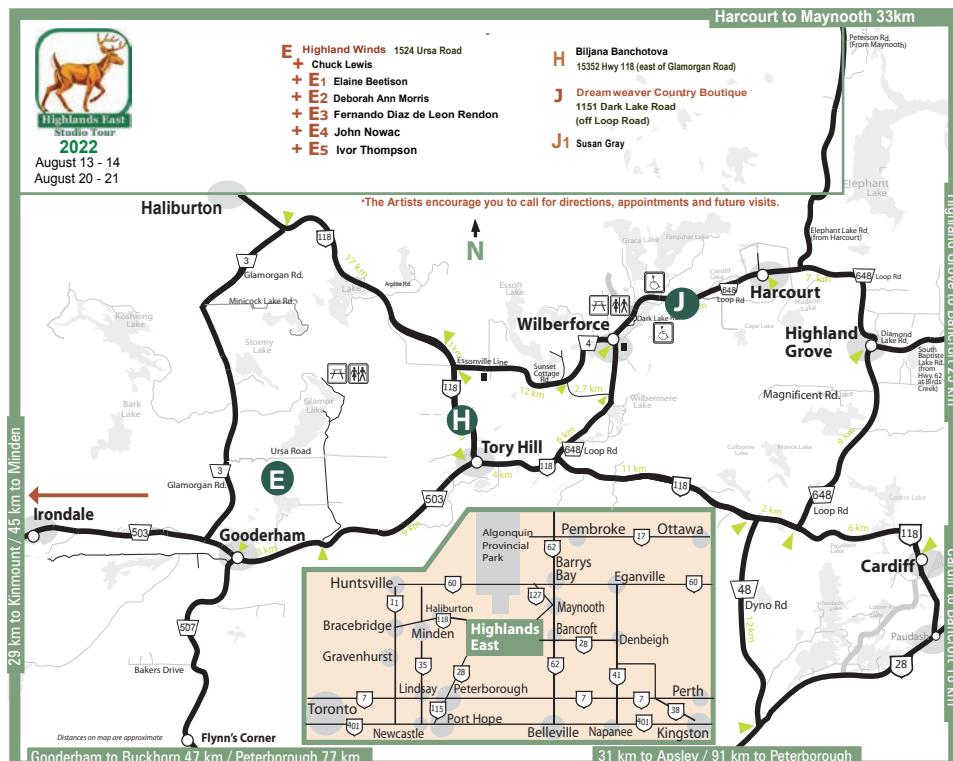
Kim said she has relied on her faith to help her get through and learn the ropes of operating a busy restaurant.

"I always pray. I cannot do it myself."

She said she loves making food, but her goal in West Guilford is a bit more people-focused.

"I want to make people happy, that's it," she said.

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Creativity in the trees: art tour returns

By Sam Gillett

Artists throughout the County are opening their doors July 30 & 31 for the 16th annual Tour de Forest.

Twenty-six studios are taking part, including painters, sculptors, mixed media creators and more, set to showcase their work from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

"We really value and appreciate our guests and look forward to seeing returning faces and meeting some new attendees," said organizer Charlene McConnell, who is also a ceramic artist.

"The tour is free and at this beautiful time of year it's a pleasant way to see the countryside, meet the artists in their studio setting and see what interesting creative new work has evolved over the past couple of years," McConnell said.

Collective joins tour

The Limbic Collective, a group of emerging multi-disciplinary artists from Haliburton, are new to the tour this year.

They'll be showing work alongside Biljana Web at the Whirling Wisdom Art Creations studio near Tory Hill.

Founded in 2021, the collective has been hosting shows and participating in art events such as Art in the Garden in June.

"That's been a lot of fun: having multiple artists from different styles, from different genres and then finding a way to pleasantly display their work together," said Poet Ever, a curator and organizer with the collective.

Most of the artists who will be exhibiting work during the show are visual artists crafting drawings or paintings, but there will be sculptors too, interactive art and music.

"I like to do performance and installation kind of stuff," Ever said. "Just having so many things going on at the same time is really inspiring. When someone thinks of an idea and you might have had an idea last week that goes together with that, it's really nice to put the two ideas together."

Co-curator and organizer Scott Duggan will be crafting music during the weekend too.

Duggan said he enjoys reflecting on the environment around him in what he plays.

"I like to improvise in music... I don't usually have backing tracks," Duggan said, mentioning how playing music with other Limbic Collective members allows for spontaneity and creative freedom.

"Doing it at Limbic, I kind of have this idea of 'let's bring in a visual artist, someone bring in their paintings or something,'" he said. "The environment is essential in how I create."

Both artists said they're inspired by the temporary aspect of performance or improvised art.

"I find it a little more fun when it's ephemeral and fleeting, instead of feeling like I have to archive every moment," Ever said.

The Limbic Collective regularly hosts creative gatherings at their Highland Street studio, beneath Glecoff's Family Store, where artists come together to make art,



Renée Woltz, pictured at Tour de Forest 2021, will be exhibiting her ceramic artwork, mugs and dishes. *Photo by Sam Gillett.*

collaborate and hang out.

Alongside Ever and Duggan, illustrator and painter Mo Christiano and Bob Frxst, an illustrator, 3D artist, muralist and sculptor, are curators and organizers of the collective

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Moulton rock flows on hot new album

By Sam Gillett

For years, Jeff Moulton has been playing covers and original tunes across Haliburton County, but never released an LP. *With Labour of Love*, out July 22, Moulton cranks up the volume on 10 songs about love, betrayal and even playing darts in the rain.

"I'm excited about it," Moulton said. "It felt like the time was right."

"A lot of the songs have been on the shelf for a long time. A lot have been around since the 90s," he said.

Richard Joudrey of the Salt Cellars engineered the album and performed drums, bass, as well as some of the keyboard and guitar parts.

"Kudos to him for a great job on the production of the album," Moulton said.

Some songs were written by his brother-in-law, who has passed away, for a band back in the 80s.

"I thought he had great songs but they never saw the light of day," Moulton said.

So, the meaning behind songs such as "Maxine," about a woman who is cheating on her partner, remain a mystery.

"I don't know who she is," Moulton said.

While he usually plays on stage alone, Moulton's album provides him the backing of a full band.

That means his original tunes such as *Girl Like You* are supercharged with arena-rock hooks coupled with chugging electric guitar riffs.

He said some songs, such as *Give us a Peaceful World* are inspired by current events including COVID-19 and political unrest.

Other songs like *Chilling Out* hit home in cottage country, Moulton said.

"It's a very laid-back summer good time kind of song. It's really closest to this area. It's talking about chilling out on your dock and enjoying life."

Moulton continued practicing and working on his music throughout pandemic lockdowns.

"That's where the refining of the songs came from. Even though the songs were written a long time ago, I re-recorded them on my computer to see what I could do with them."

Once the final tracks were ready, Elyse Perry, Moulton's niece, drew the picture of him for the cover, and local artist, Scott Walling, finished the design and added the title font.

Moulton will have CDs for sale at upcoming concerts, and the album is available to stream on all major streaming platforms. Bundled with the new CD is a previously-released self-titled EP.

He'll be playing next at the Gooderham Music Festival July 30.



Jeff Moulton said it's been a bucket list item to release a full album. Photo by Sam Gillett.

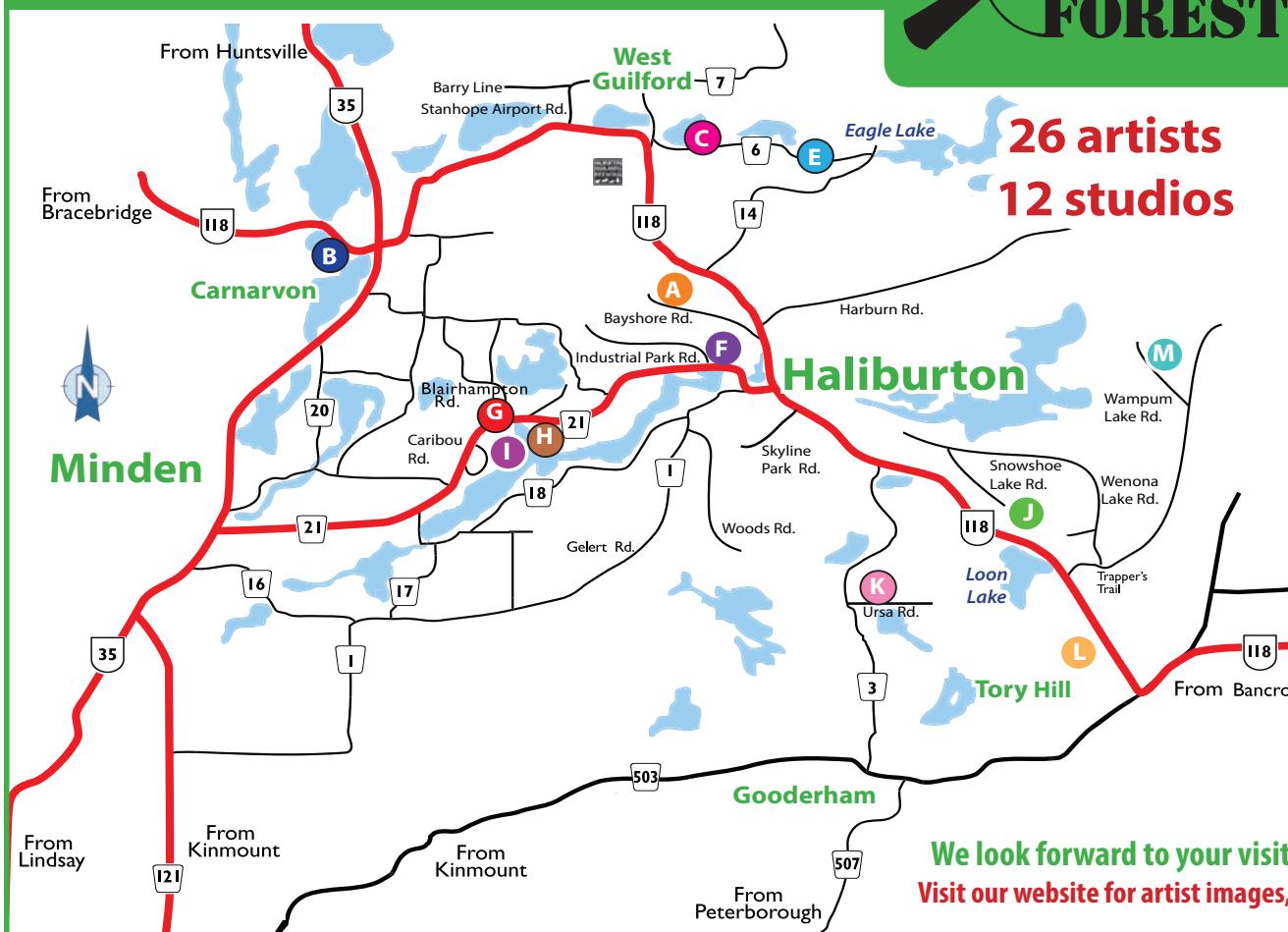
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Skyline Dance Studio to open doors in the fall

By Lisa Gervais

The night that Allison Cox found out her daughter's local dance studio was closing, she told her husband, "I either need to buy a bus, or open a dance studio here in Haliburton County. Either way, these kids needed to stay together."

Cox said she instinctively knew she could lead a project to create a new dance studio – dubbed Skyline Dance Studio – and was pretty sure there would be "immense" support to keep dance local.

"So far, the support has far exceeded my greatest hope," she said.

Haliburton Dance Academy closed its doors in June after 10 years in Haliburton County.

Cox said Skyline Dance Studio is not affiliated with any dance studios but is an independent not-for-profit organization, "with a huge vision to create an inclusive safe space for all dancers in Haliburton County."

She said she worked very closely with the Haliburton County Development Corporation to review the business options and ultimately decided on a not-for-profit for two reasons. "We want everything we pour into this studio to be reinvested in the studio and we want to be sure this is a legacy that can be carried on for years to come. It will evolve and grow as the board of directors transitions throughout the years. It will truly be a community-run operation."

Right now, they have a working board of eight local women. They include: Cox, Sarah Garbutt, Dawn Hurd, Courtney Bishop, Victoria Bullock, Stacey Parish, Stef Wood



Dawn Hurd, Melissa Valentini, Courtney Bishop, Allison Cox, Sarah Garbutt, Stef Wood, Stacey Parish and Victoria Bullock. *Submitted*.

and Melissa Valentini.

Some own and run businesses, some work in non-profits, some are employed by local businesses, and many have experience sitting on other not-for-profit boards in the Highlands, Cox said.

"It is a great blend of experience coming together with passion and dedication to accomplish this goal. Beyond this group, we have dozens of community members, individuals, and businesses, that have offered

support with time, money and materials."

Skyline Dance Studio will be located at 229 Highland St., between Castle Antiques and Pet Valu.

They move in on Aug. 1 and construction crews expect the renovations to take six to eight weeks. Their classes will start in October 2022.

"It is a fantastic space and will have three large studios and a variety of common spaces for dancers and their families," Cox said.

"We are doing this for our community, and the families of Haliburton County. Dance is so important for kids, not only is it good for physical, emotional, and intellectual well-being, but it also creates amazing friendships and instills a sense of community that will last a lifetime."

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Competitors whiz across Head Lake in a past TORC race. *File*.

Power boat racing returning to Head Lake

By Lisa Gervais

The Toronto Outboard Racing Club (TORC) is bringing powerboat racing back to Haliburton the Aug. 20-21 weekend.

Event organizer Barb Hammond said she was “so happy to say” the TORC racing weekend was returning to Head Lake after being cancelled throughout COVID-19.

She said the general public can come to the town docks on Friday, Aug. 19 to “meet the racers and see their set-up of boats.”

The racing begins Saturday morning at 10 a.m. and goes until approximately 5 p.m. Hammond said times are “dictated by the number of breakdowns, accidents and unexpected interruptions of pleasure boat traffic.”

On Sunday, they’ll start at 11 a.m. “respecting the church services” and plan to end at 5 p.m.

Hammond said their two main sponsors are RPM and MacEwen Fuels along with “many more local businesses again supporting.”

The event is free to all spectators and organizers are again partnering with the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary to raise money for the hospital. Spectators buy tickets for various prizes, there’s a 50/50 draw at the racers’ dinner and TORC makes a donation, historically \$1,000, Hammond said.

There will be a Saturday night dinner and dance for 120 at the Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre.

Hammond noted the local racers’ roster has expanded to four Haliburton County participants. They include Wes Hammond, Andrea Hammond, Brandon Sutton and Tammy Everitt.

Wes Hammond, who lives in Eagle Lake, said it was exciting to be coming back.

“It’s been a while since we’ve been able to race so it’s nice to get back to it.”

Being a hometown boy, he loves the Head Lake stage of the races.

“It’s close to home. There’s lots of friends that come to see it, it’s easy to watch. There’s nothing better than racing in front of your family and friends.”

There’s been races in Tweed June 11-12, Gravenhurst June 25-26, and upcoming is Erinsville July 23-24.

Competing in two classes, Hammond is near the top of the leaderboard in both. He normally races a few more classes but added, “it’s been going well considering it’s been busy with COVID and I didn’t have much time to use my boats over the last couple of years.”

Barb Hammond said the TORC family is looking forward to its return to the Highlands.

“Sponsors have stepped up generously, racers booked rooms back in February and everyone is positively pumped.”

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Duchene tees off fundraiser return

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Left: One foursome took style seriously. Right top: Matt Duchene winds up. Right bottom: HHHSF executive director Lisa Tompkins with Nashville Predators NHL player Matt Duchene. Photos by Sam Gillett.

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Cyclist rolls towards world championship dreams

By Sam Gillett

According to Nick Emsley, the key to surviving 24 hours of mountain biking is to look at the goal, not the time.

"When I'm halfway into a race, I'm not looking at that 12 hours left. I'm looking at being closer to that 24," he said.

Based in Haliburton, Emsley has found a home within a tiny niche of the multi-million-member world cycling community. He races ultra-endurance mountain bike events.

With COVID-19 restrictions likely in the rearview mirror, Emsley is aiming to take his career to new heights in 2022.

He's armed with a new sponsorship deal and a goal of lining up for the start of the World Endurance Mountain Bike Organization's (WEMBO) championships in New South Wales, Australia in 2023, the pinnacle of ultra-endurance mountain biking.

"That's going to be an amazing feeling," Emsley said.

That race would mark a capstone on his career dotted with wins and top-three finishes.

First, he's spending the summer competing in regional races such as the Three-hour Sea Otter Canada marathon at Blue Mountain and a three-day "Crank the Shield" staged race in Sault Ste. Marie at the end of July.

Then he wants to do a 24-hour race in Canmore, Alberta this fall. It's WEMBO's biggest race in the Americas.

That continental championship is key for

landing sponsorships and gauging whether he's fast enough to compete with the best of the best in Australia.

"Getting a specific position out there on this race would really, really help," he said.

After an impressive performance at 2021's infamous "8 Hours of Hurtin' in Haliburton" race at the Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Preserve, he also landed a bike deal with Montu bikes. In the past few years, he has become a regular top-three finisher in nearly every event he pedals.

He spends the entire winter training for races, tracking his heart rate and other fitness metrics, which determine how hard he's able to work on the bike and keep his energy up.

Many people watching Emsley might have the same question: who would willingly spend 24 hours in the saddle?

"I get that all the time," he said with a laugh. "I like to challenge myself. There's a reason why there's only a handful of us who compete hard in these events."

After racing short mountain bike circuits for a few years, Emsley tried out an endurance race and fell in love with the strategy, mental demands and physical training required to keep your body in motion for extended periods of time.

"It brings you a lot of satisfaction," he said.

Sometimes success can hang on a knife's edge. "If I worked really late the night before or had a hard week leading into the race, maybe the first few hours will be great, but all of a sudden you have nothing left in your



Nick Emsley descends a downhill portion of trail during a race in June. *Submitted*.

body," he said. "The mental part of it all is huge."

Just like each individual race, he said his long-term plan for racing next year's

WEMBO world championship requires planning and patience.

"You have to look at the long-term. It's a lot of dedication," he said.

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LaRue chats hockey history at Haliburton museum

By Sam Gillett

Few things have united communities in Haliburton County as much as hockey.

At a July 21 meeting of the Haliburton County Historical Society, Scott LaRue charted Haliburton County's progression from a fiercely competitive collection of remote teams to Ontario championship-winning squads that laid the groundwork for local stars of the modern game such as Cody Hodgson and Matt Duchene to shine.

LaRue is an expert on Haliburton hockey, playing professionally in Europe before returning to the Highlands. He managed the famous 1971 Haliburton Huskies to their Ontario Hockey Association D title. His father Albert John (A.J.) LaRue fundraised for the Haliburton arena they won the cup in, which elevated the local game through access to artificial ice.

"My father realized that none of these players were going to have an opportunity to upgrade their hockey to another level," LaRue said, standing in front of a crowd at the Haliburton Highlands Museum.

Before that arena was built, hockey in Haliburton looked very different but the shinny was no less competitive.

LaRue explained how the County's towns took the game seriously during the first half of the 20th century.

The rivalries between communities such as Haliburton, Eagle Lake, Minden, and Wilberforce all burned piping hot. Young men who worked in the lumber yards or in other remote jobs made up the teams.

When playing against farther-flung teams, towns would charter trains to the game, which became destinations of their own.

"And they partied," LaRue said. "I think there were sandwiches being sold and other stronger beverages too."

Communities didn't just get on board trains: they joined the hockey bandwagon.

"The community spirit increased. People got more interested in the opportunities hockey provided."

He said people often told companies operating in Haliburton County that, "If you're going to hire people, make sure they're good hockey players."

In 1965, the arena opened after A.J. spent months lobbying businesses for donations. LaRue said many of the largest employers in the County, such as lumber yards, weren't big donators.

But whether with 50 cents or a \$5 bill, the community backed the project. The arena became a reality.

LaRue himself took advantage of that new ice surface, which was more level due to its sand base.

"All the ice time I got improved me," LaRue said. He soon left to play professional hockey in Europe.

After he returned to Haliburton, he took over operation of the arena, and soon became coach of the Haliburton Huskies squad his father was instrumental in bringing to the County.

"The team we came up with were little guys but they were really hard-working kids."



Scott LaRue, a former professional hockey player who coached the 1971 Haliburton Huskies team to victory, spoke to a crowd in the Haliburton Highlands Museum July 21.

Photo by Sam Gillett.

LaRue recounted how the team, captained by Bob Woodcock, beat Exeter 6-5 in front of 1,500 fans jam-packed into the Haliburton Arena. Some stood on tables, others jostled for space in the sound booth.

Ron Stackhouse played in that arena, and so did Hodgson who played in Vancouver, as well as a stint with the Buffalo Sabres and

Nashville Predators.

Current forward for the Predators, Matt Duchene, also took to the ice in Haliburton.

LaRue reflected that his father's hard work, and the whole hockey family formed Haliburton's hockey community today.

"I think that it eventually all paid off," LaRue said.

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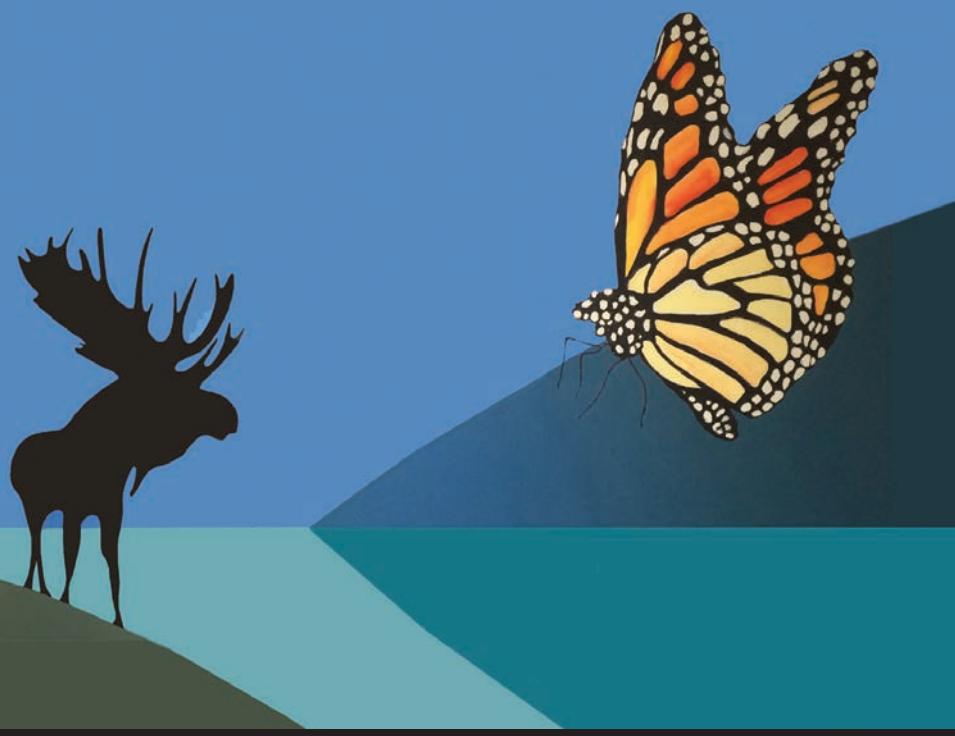
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Look for little yellow signs around Minden this summer. To mark 75 years of service, the Rotary Club of Minden has created a scavenger hunt at 75 club projects in the area. Rotarian and past president Lynda Litwin said she hopes anyone who finds the club's yellow signs around town might pause to consider how Rotary has impacted life in Minden. "It's a combination of seeing the work that's been done over the course of 75 years or discovering things about their community's history they didn't even know existed," she said. Litwin said the largest projects the club has had a hand in include the nursing home and community centre. "It's for year-round residents, or residents who have just moved to the area, or also cottagers who may not be familiar with the area," she said. The hunt also leads to local businesses which have partnered with Rotarians over the decades. Flyers with further directions on finding each location can be picked up at Molly's Bistro Bakery on Bobcaygeon Road. (Sam Gillett).

Minden Rotarians with signs now scattered across the community marking club projects throughout its history. *Submitted.*



Lions continue forest enchantments

The Haliburton and District Lions Club has continued its tradition of restocking the Abbey Gardens Enchanted Forest play area. Three years ago, the spot was vandalized. Ever since, the Lions Club has donated different toys for the outdoor playground. According to Abbey Gardens staff, kids who play in the space asked for toy trucks this year. The Lions also donated plastic cutlery and dishes for the forest's play kitchen and books for its library.

Haliburton and District Lions Club members with Cara Steele and Irene Heaven (right).
Photo by Sam Gillett.



Julie Goodwin, executive director of the Pregnancy Care and Family Support Centre in Haliburton, is hoping to raise more than \$25,000 through this year's baby bottle fundraiser. *Photo by Mike Baker.*

Community support keeps centre alive

By Mike Baker

Julie Goodwin knows what she's talking about when she says Haliburton County is a generous community.

For the past 16 years, Goodwin has been at the helm of the Pregnancy Care and Family Support Centre in Haliburton. The organization provides a wide array of services and supports to pregnant women and families struggling to get by, whether financially or emotionally, offering a helping hand at a time of great need.

And while those supports are carried out by staff and volunteers from the centre, they are paid for by the local community.

"The really neat thing about our centre is that we are completely 100 per cent donor supported," Goodwin said. "That has allowed us to craft and formulate programs that work for us, and work for our clients without having to answer to an overarching funder or government body."

Since May 2006, the centre has seen 456 individuals pass through its doors seeking assistance. While some only visited once, many others made a regular habit of stopping by. Goodwin said the centre adopts a no questions asked policy, and clients are welcome any time during operating hours.

The facility, located on the lower level of Glecoff's Family Store, is open Tuesday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"When a client comes through the centre's door, they will find a safe, compassionate environment, where they can ask questions and receive meaningful help and support. Their circumstances may be difficult, but we are here to help and convey the message that they do not have to face their situation alone," Goodwin said.

The centre also does what it can to assist clients financially. While they do not simply

give out money, Goodwin said they often donate children's clothing, toys and items such as cribs and car seats to those in need.

Demand has only increased since the onset of the pandemic, Goodwin said. In 2021, the organization saw 61 clients – 14 first-timers – across 388 visits. While pivoting to ensure this increased demand has been met, Goodwin said the centre has introduced a new 'moms fellowship group' to help those who have felt isolated due to lockdowns and COVID-19 restrictions.

"COVID has been crazy. People have withdrawn, and so we've been really concerned about the mental health of our clients. So, now in our centre, we have a space where clients are encouraged to come in, bring their kids to play and meet up with one another, because we all need friends and a community during times like this," Goodwin said.

The centre held its spring fundraiser at Lakeside Church June 4, raising \$1,000. Goodwin said they are also running their annual baby bottle fundraiser, where they challenge community members to fill up a baby bottle or two with money and drop it off at the centre. Bottles are available for pick up during regular hours, and at 14 churches across the County.

With a budget of \$74,000 this year, Goodwin said the centre will need every dollar it can muster if it is to continue meeting the demands of its clients.

"MP Jamie Schmale visited us recently, and he asked 'if you didn't exist, who would do this?' and while there might be bits of help here and there from different organizations, we are truly unique in what we do. If we disappeared tomorrow, there would be a lot of people in need," Goodwin said.

For more information, visit haliburtonpregnancycentre.ca.

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Money for IV pumps

Royal Canadian Legion Minden Branch 636 presented a cheque for \$10,000 to HHHS Foundation in support of health care fundraising efforts for new IV pumps. Legion officers joining HHHS Foundation executive director Lisa Tompkins, and board chair Eric Recalla are (L to R) Linda Evans, secretary; Chris Burton, sports officer; James Donaldson, public relations and cadet liaison; Wendy Bolt, president; Jim Ross, past president (seated); Richard Schell, 2nd vice president; Paul Norry, treasurer; and Ralph Hennig, poppy, veterans service officer. "HHHS Foundation is grateful to the Minden Legion, and the generous support of members and the community," Tompkins said. *Submitted.*



Supporting local food bank

The Minden Community Food Centre benefitted to the tune of \$3,155 July 18 as representatives from the Bob Lake Association stopped by to present a cheque from money raised through its first-annual Rock the Dock event July 2. "People came by boat and land – this was Bob Lake's first social event, and everyone had a great time," said Pamela England, co-chair of the association's social committee. Association director Dave Roberts said it was important to support area food banks right now with demand at an all-time high due to the rising cost of living.

Minden Community Food Centre manager Jean Munroe (left) accepts a cheque from the Bob Lake Association this week, presented by Pamela England (second left) and Dave Roberts (right). Don Veno, board chair of the food bank, was also on hand. *Photo by Mike Baker.*

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FORM 6

SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER

Municipal Act, 2001

Ontario Regulation 181/03, Municipal Tax Sale Rules

SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER

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Take Notice that tenders are invited for the purchase of the lands described below and will be received until 3:00 p.m. local time on August 31, 2022, at the Dysart et al Municipal Office, 135 Maple Avenue, Haliburton Ontario.

The tenders will then be opened in public on the same day as soon as possible after 3:00 p.m. at the Dysart et al Municipal Office, 135 Maple Avenue, Haliburton.

Submitted tenders will be opened virtually by Zoom. Register in advance for this meeting using the link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEgdeGoqTouHtHU04iVBto0WudCOBPuF8VI> After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Description of Lands:

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According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is \$34,000

Minimum tender amount: \$5,917.70

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4. Roll No. 46 24 010 000 15700 0000; Haliburton; PIN 39169-0217 (LT); PT LT 21-22 CON 2 DYSART AS IN H71896 T/W & S/T H71896; DYSART ET AL; File No. 21-01

According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is \$140,000

Minimum tender amount: \$8,403.65

5. Roll No. 46 24 020 000 36700 0000; 1867 Trapper's Trail Rd., Haliburton; PIN 39266-0149 (LT); LT 51 PL 484; DYSART ET AL; File No. 21-09

According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is \$304,000

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Tenders must be submitted in the prescribed form and must be accompanied by a deposit of at least 20 per cent of the tender amount, which deposit shall be made by way of a certified cheque/bank draft/money order payable to the municipality.

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Summer Church Service in the Park will return to the bandshell at Head Lake Park July 31. *Photo submitted.*

Churches celebrate community unity in the great outdoors

By Mike Baker

Congregations from five churches across Haliburton County will gather together for the first time in more than three years this weekend as the 'Summer Service in the Park' returns to the bandshell at Head Lake Park.

Representatives from Haliburton United Church, West Guilford Baptist, Lakeside Church, the Lighthouse Pentecostal and St. George's Anglican will meet for a morning of songs, prayer and scripture July 31.

The service will begin at 10:30 a.m. and will replace the typical weekly service held at each parish. In the event of rain, the service will be held indoors at Lakeside Church.

Launched in 2008, the event was designed to foster community spirit and open people's minds to different ideas, according to Rev. Harry Morgan, a minister with Haliburton United Church.

"This is an event to celebrate unity, and enjoy the great outdoors," Morgan said. "I think it's important now more than ever that we continue to host this... Our world is getting more and more fractionalized and tribalized, so this is an event that is meant to draw people together from somewhat different points of view and say 'yeah, but we're one. We're one with Christ'."

This year will mark the event's 13th

anniversary. There will be various speakers throughout the morning, with Shaun Turner, co-pastor at West Guilford Baptist, hosting. His wife, Amy – fellow co-pastor in West Guilford – will lead a children's story time session late in the morning.

There will be music, with attendees encouraged to sing along with their favourite hymns.

Morgan said he was excited to bring the event back following an enforced three-year absence due to the pandemic.

"It's always a lot of fun. Whenever we've done it in the past, we've had a few hundred people come out and we always have people tell us we should do our services like this every week," Morgan said. "It's such a delightful place to gather. It's kind of in God's beautiful creation, scenically portrayed before us on the shores of Head Lake."

"We have a long history of churches getting along in our community, so this is a way of celebrating our connections and expressing that we respect one another. That we're friends, and that we enjoy putting on worthwhile events for the community," he added.

Money will be raised on the day to support the Haliburton County Heat Bank and the Pregnancy Care and Family Support Centre.



Art and avian performances at Head Lake festival

Head Lake Park was filled with creativity July 22-24 as artisans returned for the 59th annual Haliburton Art and Craft Festival. Organized by the Rail's End Gallery and Arts Centre, the festival regularly draws hundreds to Haliburton's downtown. This year, 75 vendors showcased their work alongside buskers and local musical groups such as the Rail's End Ukeladies. Performers with Les Chasseurs de Reves toured the park in vibrant costumes riding a colourful bird that plucked feathers from people's hands and drew delighted shrieks from children.

Top left: Rail's End Gallery and Arts Centre curator Laurie Jones meets a bird during the Les Chasseurs de Reves performance. Top right: Buskers performed all weekend. Bottom left: Les Chasseurs de Reves toured the festival twice. Middle right: David Borsellino of Red Hill Woods said this wood table took about 150 hours to craft. Bottom right: Christina Handley of Handley Acres Metal Creations has been exhibiting at the festival since 2018. Photos by Sam Gillett.



WHAT'S ON

July 28, 6 p.m.

Do you want to shell-brate World Nature Conservation Day with the Turtle Guardians? Join the team at the HHOA in Haliburton for their first annual guided paint night. Bring the family, meet the teaching turtles (who will be the models), and create some turtle-cool art. No experience needed. Tickets are \$25 for two parents and their kids. Food and drinks are served too. Register at turtleguardians.com. Pre-register only. Ticket holders will be entered into a draw for a door prize. Proceeds for this event go towards supporting the Turtle Guardians program to save turtles.

July 29, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Everyone Can Make A Zine! A creative, hands-on workshop offered by the Halls Island Artist Residency. Participants will create a one-page Zine - a brief, expressive work of collage, creative writing and drawing - a mini-magazine with a twist! Suitable for adults and youth 13 years and up. Leader - Cleopatra Peterson, a 2022 Halls Island Residency artist, is a multidisciplinary artist who writes, printmakes, illustrates and loves self-publishing. Haliburton County Public Library, Dysart Branch Email hallsislandartresidency@gmail.com to register.

July 30, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Kushog Lake picnic at Pine Spring Valley Resort. There will be lots of races and games for kids and adults along with a display by the Stanhope Firefighters. Admission is free and the event is hosted by the Kushog Lake Property Owners Association.

July 30, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Gooderham Music Festival. The Gooderham Community

Action Group will be hosting its third music festival at the Gooderham Community Centre bandstand. This is a free family event happening rain or shine. Please bring your own chairs. There are six bands in the line up.

August 4, 11, 18 and 25

Amanda Rico of Harmony Yoga is offering yoga at the Head Lake Park bandshell between 7 and 8 p.m. every Thursday in August. Donations to Yoga Medicine Seva Foundation. Its mission is to combat human trafficking and exploitation by empowering women and children around the globe through education and entrepreneur opportunities. Available for all levels, ages, and abilities. Donations can be made online herfuturecoalition.networkforgood.com/projects/138961-amanda-rico-s-fundraiser or in person. Contact: harmonyyogahaliburton@gmail.com or harmonyyogahaliburton.com.

August 5, 6 p.m. and Aug 6, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Wilberforce Agricultural Fair is back in full swing this year and takes place August 5 and 6. Gates open at 6 p.m. Friday night and events include Fire Department Kid's activities, food booth and pony pull. Kawartha Dairy will be serving up ice cream. Saturday morning the gates open at 9 a.m. Gord Kidd and Friends and Appalachian Celtic will be on stage entertaining. Events include horse drawn wagon rides, sheep shearing, pedal tractor pull, pony rides, horse draw, petting zoo, sail boat races, nail driving competition, penny raffle, bouncy castles, and much more. Admission Friday night is free. Saturday admission is \$7 and children under 16 get in for free. For a complete schedule and more details visit WilberforceFair.com.

August 6

The Lake Kashagawigamog Association is once again planning for their 2nd annual Kash Art on the Water event. It showcases art and allows people to come by car, boat, paddleboard, or watercraft to visit locations around the lake. See lko.ca.

August 12, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Stanhope Heritage Museum is presenting a "Pop-in / Pop-out" with the museum's own Bill Forbes who will show folks the "magic of making maple syrup". And there are samples. Visit stanhopemuseum.on.ca for further info.

August 13

Minden Rotary is celebrating 75 years of service in the community. They are hosting a scavenger hunt. Go to MindenRotary.ca for a list of the merchants who have the scavenger hunt hints or look at the flyer online. Find all 75 yellow Minden Rotary signs, complete the flyers and bring it to RotaryFest on Saturday, Aug. 13 between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. You can enter a draw for a family prize for completing the scavenger hunt.

August 14, 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Journey for Health, in Austin Sawmill Park, Kinmount. Gather friends and family to walk or bicycle 7k of the Rail Trail in support of the Kinmount & District Health Centre. Sponsor yourself or a friend. Pledge sheets and details available at kdhc.ca. Your support is needed.

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Thursdays: General meeting third Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. & ladies auxiliary last Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.

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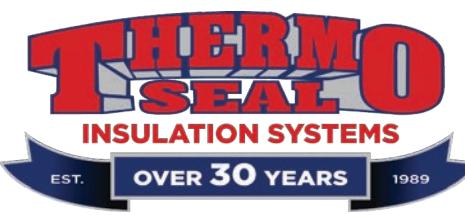
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THANK YOU



Thank you

The family of the late Donna Lee McKnight would like to thank everyone who made our last farewell so memorable.

Barry Cray for his wonderful grave side service.

Everyone for their stories and poems.

Linda and Doris for arranging a reception following service, and Linda Easton for luncheon donation.

The Lions for the donation of their club. Family and friends for luncheon prep and baked goodies, setup and cleanup.

The Highlands Trio and the Hot Flashes for their musical tribute, and last but by no means the least, to those who donated financially. God bless each of you.

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YARD SALE – 1091 Koshlong Lake Road. Friday, July 29th & Saturday, July 30th. 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily.
Something for everyone!

YARD & CRAFT SALE - 1027 Current Trail, Minden. (Hwy 35 & Springvalley Rd – go 1 km on Springvalley Rd, Current Trail is on the right). Saturday, July 30th. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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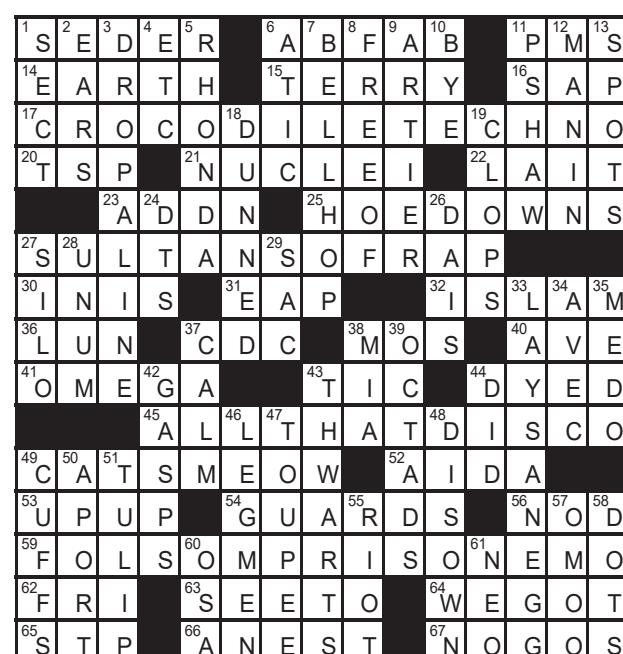
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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS



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Please forward your resume to shume@haliburtoncounty.ca no later than August 5, 2022 at 4:30pm.

We thank all who apply for this position; however only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

The County of Haliburton is an equal employer. Accommodation can be provided in all steps of the hiring process, please contact Human Resources for further details.

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The Highlander newspaper has more than 8,000 copies printed and distributed weekly, plus another 7,200 emailed as a PDF — reaching full-time and seasonal residents every month of the year. We say "it's what everyone's reading" for a reason — it's a much-loved community newspaper that wins avid readers and multiple awards.

We're looking for someone who can develop creative proposals for clients to get them the most impact. If you love listening to client needs, then coming up with interesting and effective ad proposals and ad copy, then you'll love this role.

The Highlander is a friendly team (just ask our existing staff). We get the job done, but we're not ruled solely by numbers. Our greatest success is when we create a terrific paper filled with ads that help businesses succeed. When a client tells us they're pulling an ad because they've got too much business, then we know we're doing something right.

The ideal candidate

You have extensive consultative sales experience. Ideally you've worked in media sales, but we're interested in anyone with experience helping small, local businesses with their marketing.

You have the usual qualities of persistence and patience, as well as the ability to close. You'll be able to work with the publisher to develop and market our products. Most important is an understanding of the challenges facing business owners and the ability to sell proven solutions that meet those challenges. On top of that, you'll have a respect for the role of media in a small community, as well as a passion for the Haliburton Highlands.

Questions and to apply

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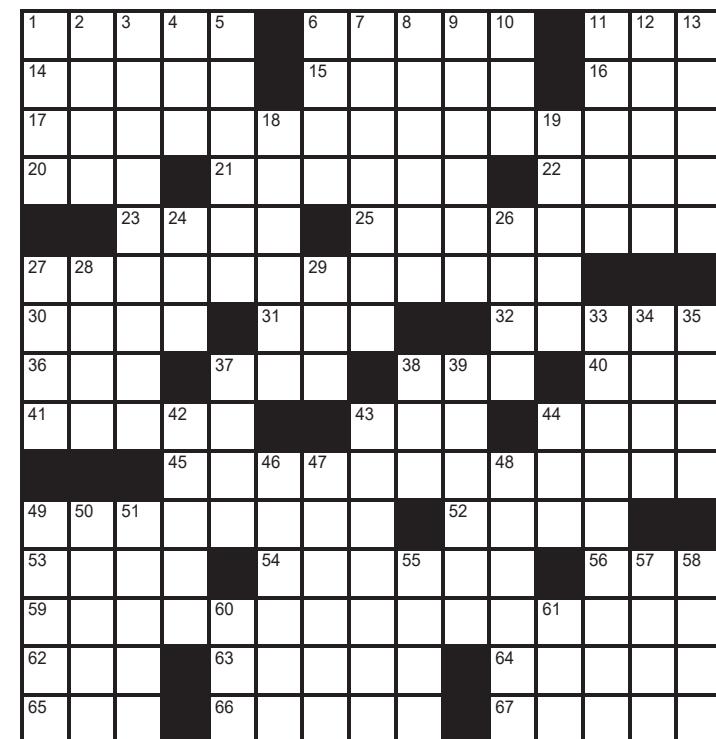
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The New Genre-ation

Across

- 1 Passover kickoff meal
- 6 Britcom with Eddy and Patsy, to fans
- 11 Trudeau and Johnson, but not Biden: Abbr.
- 14 Third planet from the sun
- 15 Fox on the run?
- 16 Drain of energy
- 17 Electronic remix of an Elton John hit?
- 20 Vanilla qty., maybe
- 21 Molecular middles
- 22 Café au __
- 23 Supplement: Abbr.
- 25 Square dance shindigs
- 27 Dire Straits song with a gangsta vibe?
- 30 "Last one __ a rotten egg!"
- 31 "The Raven" poet's initials.
- 32 Imam's faith
- 36 Day between dim. and mar.
- 37 U.S. health agcy.
- 38 Cal. pages, usually
- 40 "__ Maria" (Beyoncé recording)
- 41 Horseshoe-shaped symbol
- 43 Unintentional wink, maybe
- 44 __-in-the-wool (staunch)
- 45 Tune from a '70s version of "Chicago"?
- 49 Feline kin of the "bee's knees"
- 52 Verdi girl's name meaning "happy"
- 53 Words with "and away"
- 54 Defensive chess pieces, e.g.
- 56 Poet's sleepy land
- 59 Song Johnny Cash performed for angsty inmates?
- 62 Good day?: Abbr.
- 63 Handle
- 64 "__ the Beat" (The Go-Go's hit)
- 65 Pit stop stuff
- 66 Build __ egg
- 67 Scrubbed missions



Down

- 1 Breakaway group
- 2 Fans of elephants?
- 3 Touch base in writing
- 4 Brief "you get it idea"
- 5 Her help is sought in a Beach Boys hit
- 6 Suffix with rheum- or pneum-
- 7 Luggage-lugging hotel hiree
- 8 Unencumbered by
- 9 More drawn to galleries, perhaps
- 10 Last word, often
- 11 "Pish posh!"
- 12 "__ the Middle" (Abba song)
- 13 Pox marks
- 18 Hassled for payment
- 19 Amish street sounds
- 24 Rehab patient's woe, maybe
- 26 Stand for a speech
- 27 Social media echo chamber
- 28 Latin "one"
- 29 Bagotville bag
- 34 Not "sans"
- 35 The Beatles' "Love __"
- 37 Keep __ and carry on
- 38 Lost at battle, as a P.O.W.
- 39 Groups of eight things
- 42 Unfit jogger's sounds
- 43 Stymies
- 44 Accomplished
- 46 Reporters on the street beat
- 47 Head locks you can get out of?
- 48 Cut from the will, say
- 49 Some have links or ink stains
- 50 To the left, on the Bluenose
- 51 Flower once used as Dutch currency
- 55 Violent protest
- 57 Sequel to Melville's "Typee"
- 58 Exclamation points?
- 60 Ursa, in Spain
- 61 "The Matrix" man



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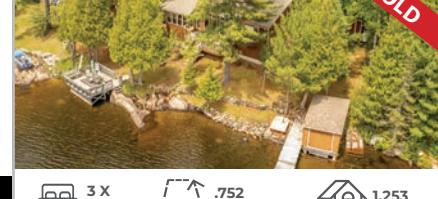
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